

# Item 1: Decision Adoption – EOP by the United States of America

## **Resolution: Followup to the Special Session on the Financial Crisis UN Human Rights Council – 12th Session**

Geneva, October 1, 2009

Thank you, Mr. President.

The United States joins consensus on this resolution as we recognize that the current economic and financial crisis presents unique challenges to all countries around the world.

In his statement at the conclusion of the G20 meeting last week President Obama reiterated his call for a new era of engagement, “an era when nations live up to their responsibilities, and act on behalf of our shared security and prosperity.”

The United States emphasizes the primary responsibility of states to protect and promote human rights. We note that the current financial crisis may pose challenges to the universal promotion and protection of human rights; however, it is nonetheless imperative that States actively work to protect the human rights of individuals within their jurisdiction. While we all recognize that development facilitates the enjoyment of all human rights and that the global economic and financial crisis presents unique challenges to the efforts of developing countries to achieve their national development goals, the lack of development may not be invoked to justify the abridgement of internationally recognized human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.